

*lines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof. He may establish areas of responsibility within the Department HIS OFFICE and may reorganize or abolish the same as necessary to fulfill effectively the duties assigned to him.*

214.

*(a) The Secretary of Personnel shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy Secretary who shall have such duties as are provided by law or delegated by the Secretary. The Deputy Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and shall receive such compensation as is provided in the State Budget.*

*(b) There shall be an Assistant Secretary of Personnel for Retirement Systems, who shall have such administrative functions and duties in connection with the operation of the retirement systems as may be delegated to him by the Secretary. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL FOR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF ALL THREE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL FOR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY AND MUST BE REMOVED BY THE SECRETARY WHEN THE SECRETARY IS SO REQUESTED BY ALL THREE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. The person who is the Director of the Retirement Systems as of May 31, 1970, shall become the Assistant Secretary of Personnel for Retirement Systems and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. The Secretary of Personnel shall also have such other assistants, professional consultants and employees as provided for in this Code or in the State Budget. All assistant secretaries, EXCEPT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL FOR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, and professional consultants shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12(9) OF ARTICLE 73B, SECTION 196 OF ARTICLE 77, AND SECTION 54(9) OF ARTICLE 88B OF THIS CODE, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME. All other employees, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*

215.

*The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser to the Department of Personnel. He shall assign to the Department such number of Assistant Attorneys General as are now authorized by law to be assigned to the various departments, agencies, boards, commissions, councils, or units which are, or may hereafter by law be deemed to be, part of the Department of Personnel; and he shall also assign to the Department of Personnel such additional number of Assistant Attorneys General as may hereafter be authorized by law for such Department. One of the said Assistant Attorneys General shall be designated by the Attorney General as Counsel to the Department of Personnel. The Counsel to the Department shall have no duty other than to render, subject to the discretion and control of the Attorney General, such legal aid, advice and counsel as the Secretary and the other officials of said Department may require, and the*